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UC: LAC BDPM 03030 MAY 67 FOR CSAF (AFCDP), USAFPC (AFPKHJGCY), TASF (DPSP). INFO: PACAF (DPSP), COMUSMACV (DP) 564 TASS (GBFO)

A: HOLMES REPEAT HOLMES LESTER EVAN

B: LT COLONEL

C: FR 51872 REPEAT FR 51872

D: 20 TASS DANANG AB RUN. RUN TOUR DATE: 25 OCT 66.

E: SEE MY CLASSIFIED BDPM 03031 22 MAY 67.

F/4 22 MAY 67. 1628 HOURS.

Reviewed by DPMO
IAW 50 USC 435 Note & DOD 5400.7-R
Date: 29-Apr-2004 Initialed By: J. L.
C. LT COL HOLMES (CALL SIGN COVEY 69) DEPARTED DONGHA AIR BASE, RVN AS PILOT OF ALINIQE AIRCRAFT IN A FLIGHT SCHEDULED LOCAL FAC MISSION AT 1535 HOURS LOCAL, 22 MAY 1964 WHILE COVEY 69 WAS FLYING AT 6,000 FEET AND COVEY 72 PILOT OF THE OTHER AIRCRAFT, MAINTAINING AT 6,000 FEET DURING THE COURSE OF THE MISSION, COVEY 72 HEARD AN EXPLOSION BEHIND HIM AND AT THE SAME TIME, OBSERVED TEN LARGE ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS EYD 15-19 SM
WITH WEAPONS FIRING. ALSO, AT THE SAME TIME, COVEY 72-2 COVEY 68 HIT IN THE WINGS HAD FORWARD FUSELAGE, COC0 DH HD SPIRALED TOWARDS THE GROUND; COVASEUM WAS STILL BEING FIRED AT ANFHAD TO TAKE EVASIVE ACTION. THEREFORE HE DID NOT DECIDE OR HEAR COVEY WHO IMPACT, BUT WAS AFZTO DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATE LOCATION. IMPACT WAS ON A FORESTED HILLSIDE. COVEY 72 WAS ORDERED TO EXCUSE THE AREA DUE HOSTILE FIRE. AIRCRAFT IN THE AREA MONITORED RADIO FREQUENCIES, BUT NO EMERGENCY RADIO BEEP WAS HEARD. NO IMMEDIATE SEARCH OR RESCUE MISSIONS WERE ATTEMPTED DUE TO THE LOCATION HOSTILE FIRE AND APPROACHING DARKNESS. ANY FURTHER SEARCH PLANS UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME.

I, TO BE NOTIFIED BY HQ USAF.
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J. 28 OCTOBER 1968

K. ACTIVE DUTY, FC YENT FOR DUTY L.YE, COMMANDER

N. COMMAND PILOT

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